

BIG PITTSBURGERS ARRESTED

BANKERS AND POLITICIANS CHARGED WITH BRIBERY.

A Few Allegations of Perjury and Conspiracy Thrown In for Good Measure—Cases Grew Out of Council Members' Scandals Aired More Than a Year Ago

PITTSBURG, Jan. 14.—The storm which has threatened political Pittsburgh for more than a year burst to-day.

Since the first arrests of grafting Councilmen on December 22, 1908, there have been rumblings about the "men higher up."

To-day warrants were issued for these men:

Max C. Leslie, county delinquent tax collector and right hand man to State Senator William Flinn, political boss of Pittsburgh; charges, conspiracy, perjury and bribery; \$10,000 bail, furnished by Edward H. Jennings, a millionaire.

President of the Columbia National Bank of Pittsburgh, president of the Pure Oil Company, president of the Colonial Trust Company of Pittsburgh and head of the E. H. Jennings Bros. Company, conspiracy, \$10,000 bail, furnished by a brother.

Frank A. Griffin, former vice-president and cashier of the Columbia National Bank of Pittsburgh, conspiracy; \$10,000 bail, furnished by brother of President Jennings.

Frank F. Nicola, head of the Nicola Bros. interests, considered the biggest business man in Pittsburgh and worth many times a million, conspiracy. Nicola got to Pittsburgh at midnight and will give bail in the morning.

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Leslie is included in this perjury affair too, but he has made no confession. It is alleged that Leslie acted as the go-between in the deal between the grafting Councilmen and the Columbia National Bank of Pittsburgh and that he got \$25,000 over the counter of the bank to carry to the grafters. Leslie when questioned, according to the office of the District Attorney, said that he had put this money in his pocket and that it was none of the public's business.

In the meantime grafting Councilmen already convicted who heard this let it be known that Leslie did not put all the money in his pocket. They accuse him of putting \$7,500 of it in his pocket and paying them only \$17,500. On this is said to have turned the whole bribery matter. The grafting Councilmen asserted that even they had been double crossed, and after allowing plenty of time for the matter to be fixed up they became angry and decided to "put the information where it would do the most good."

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TO GIVE HER BLOOD FOR SON.

Mrs. Shibley Preparing for Operation for Transfusion.

The condition of Arthur Shibley, the six-year-old boy who was shot last Wednesday afternoon in High Bridge Park at the same time little Robbie Lomas was killed, grew somewhat worse last night, and Dr. Sichel, the head physician at the Washington Heights Hospital, where the wounded boy is, told Mrs. Shibley that transfusion, properly would have to be resorted to as the last chance to save the little fellow's life.

The mother had not left the hospital since her boy was taken there Wednesday afternoon and most of the time had sat by his bed, refusing to go to sleep. The physicians told her that she must rest in order to have sufficient strength to permit her to submit to the operation, and reluctantly she went to another ward and lay down. She said that she might be called upon for the operation after midnight.

Dr. Sichel did not want to perform the operation until he had held this afternoon. There will be a short ceremony at the house at 431 West 164th street, at which the Rev. Dr. Thomas Smith, pastor of St. Nicholas Avenue Presbyterian Church, will officiate after the service the body will be taken to St. Michael's Cemetery, Astoria. Many persons called and many flowers were sent to Mrs. Lomas yesterday.

The police made an arrest yesterday. The snowstorm caused even homeless tramps to seek shelter, but several detectives were in the neighborhood of Edgewater at midnight and will give bail in the morning.

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MAYOR'S NET FOR BRUTAL COPS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CLARKE TO HELP HIM CATCH 'EM.

Thinks London Bobby's Finger Is Better Than Policeman's Stick—Will Send Cases Promptly to Grand Jury—Gregory's Employer Writes in His Behalf.

District Attorney Clarke of Brooklyn yesterday morning received a letter from Mayor Gaynor calling his attention to the charges of brutal clubbing made against Policemen Devon by Oscar E. Gregory and enclosing a copy of the note sent by the Mayor to Police Commissioner Baker on the subject. Mr. Clarke made this statement:

"My entire sympathy is with Mayor Gaynor in his efforts to 'improve the morale of the police force.'

"His idea, if I understand it correctly, is that the New York policeman should be patterned somewhat on the lines of the London bobby, who when he walks through a crowd, holds up his finger, realizing that the whole English Government is back of him. And so do the people. It should be that way here. Brutality on the police force should be an impossible occurrence. I will have the Grand Jury take up the Devon case on Monday."

"I had a conference yesterday with Magistrate O'Reilly and learned that Devon did not put in an appearance, nor did his captain. He merely sent a certificate that he was sick. It was my impression gained from my talk with the Magistrate that Devon was not acting in good faith, and I have decided that all cases where charges are made against policemen of brutality shall be sent to the Grand Jury at once unless the evidence warrants otherwise after the case is heard."

Magistrate O'Reilly of Brooklyn received yesterday a letter from Robert Gair, head of the Robert Gair Manufacturing Company, employer of Gregory, expressing his thanks for his course in the case and vouching as a witness in behalf of Gregory. Mr. Gair wrote: "The matter has excited my profound sympathy, and I regret that such treatment of a citizen in this community is possible."

Thomas Smith, the young man who says he was clubbed by Detectives Brown and Flaherty in front of the American Theatre on Sunday night, went to see Commissioner Baker yesterday afternoon to the Mayor. With him were Fire Captain Dooley and two young women. Their talk with the Commissioner was brief, as Smith had to appear in Jefferson Market court.

They were told that Inspector McCluskey was investigating the case, having taken it up after their first complaint on Wednesday. In the Jefferson Market court Smith was up for further examination on the complaint against him for stabbing John Gargahy of 264 Tenth avenue. Magistrate Baker yesterday afternoon until to-night in the night court, where he will be sitting, in order to allow the prisoner time to get witnesses.

As the complaint against the policeman, the Magistrate said that he would not entertain any at the time because there was not sufficient evidence, but if the evidence were brought to him he certainly would hear the case. The man who was stabbed, endeavored to withdraw his complaint in court yesterday, for what reason no one knew certainly, but he was not allowed to do so.

The following is a record of the Central Office, who with the other two arrested him. Smith has a record for assaulting policemen. On May 9, 1906, Smith was fined \$15 by Magistrate Steinert; November 13 he was fined \$5 by Magistrate Barlow, and on June 21 he was committed to the workhouse for one month by Magistrate Walsh, all of which convictions were for assaults on and abuse of policemen.

Policeman John W. Mann of the Mercer street, Manhattan, station did not appear yesterday when his case was called before Third Deputy Commissioner Walsh. The Commissioner ordered Capt. Henry to make another complaint against him for failing to appear and postponed the trial until Tuesday morning.

Capt. Henry said that Mann had reported at the station house at 11:20 A. M., as he had been ordered to do since his suspension. The policeman turned up an hour after his case was called. He said he had misunderstood the time.

Besides Capt. Henry, two lieutenants, a sergeant and the police surgeon, who pronounced Mann intoxicated, there were eight other witnesses present. Six of the witnesses could not be found at the addresses given, three of them having left the city. Mr. and Mrs. Pearly P. Hayes of 318 West Fourteenth street, who claimed that the policeman struck them when they remonstrated with him for beating William J. Houston, his prisoner, went to Boston on January 7, the day following the arrest of Houston.

PAULHAN FLIES OUT TO SEA.

Aviator Sweeps Over San Pedro Harbor and City—Up 35 Minutes.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14.—Louis Paulhan made an unofficial flight this afternoon to San Pedro.

He went out over the breakwater of the outer harbor, swung around over the fortification site at Point Firmin and returned to the aviation field.

He covered twenty miles in his flight and was in the air thirty-five minutes.

The crowd of 55,000 persons at the field knew nothing of the intended flight until they saw Paulhan suddenly swing the prow of his big machine to the west. He had been heading toward the east when a half mile from the field he swung to the south and winged his flight toward a fog bank overhanging the sea.

The whirr of the engine attracted the shipping in the inner harbor, and instantly the shriek of whistles awoke the seaport town. Bells were rung and people ran for a look.

In a long sweeping flight the aviator swung out toward the northward, then straight over the bay.

Back straight toward the business part of the port, where thousands stood waving and shouting, he flew scarcely 200 feet above the housetops.

Paulhan alighted in front of the grand stand in the field, and the announcer shouted that the Frenchman had flown to the sea.

Curtis to-day established a new record of the course covering the circuit in 2 minutes and 12 seconds. C. K. Hamilton undertook to establish an altitude record for the Curtiss biplane, but descended after reaching a height of 400 feet. His motor was not working well. Hamilton later won the slow flight prize, covering the course in 3 minutes 30 1/2 seconds.

Paulhan made several fast circuits of the course with the biplane, although urged not to do so by his wife, who regards the machine as dangerous.

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SAYS CHRISTY HUGGED MODEL.

Another Witness Declares That Artist Beat His Wife.

ZANESVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 14.—The first witness called to-day in the fight between Howard Chandler Christy and his wife for possession of their daughter, Natalie, was Mrs. C. F. Hall of New York, who said that she had known of many instances in which Christy had severely pummeled his wife and otherwise shown his unfitness for the custody of the child.

The first time, she said, was about five years ago. She entered the room and found Mrs. Christy prostrate on the floor and the artist on top of her, holding her down and both choking and beating her. She said little Natalie was in a room and was screaming, "frightened almost to death."

About a year after that episode, Mrs. Hall said, another witness, Mrs. Christy, who had witnessed another fight in which Howard struck Mrs. Christy in the face, "making her nose bleed and injured her terribly."

Mrs. Hall said that on another occasion she saw Mrs. Christy shortly after Howard "had beaten her face until it was black all over." She said that he had also inflicted severe cuts on Mrs. Christy's face. This instance, she said, took place late February or early in March, some time after the artist had become interested in Christian Science. The witness said it took more than a week for Mrs. Christy to recover from the pummeling.

C. F. Hall, another witness, said this afternoon that he had seen Artist Christy holding Miss Britt, one of his models, in his arms, and that Christy often hugged and kissed Violet, his fourteen-year-old model. He said that Christy spoke of one model as a "magnificent animal."

The witness also knew Mrs. Christy to drink alcoholic liquors. Mrs. Hall was Christy's model for the drawing "Hearts Is Trumps."

Mrs. Hall said that prospective models were compelled to disrobe immediately that Mr. Christy might judge of their figures for artistic purposes. There was much freedom between Christy and the girls, he said, and hugging and kissing was a common pastime. At other times, Hall said, Christy would hold and caress a model and call her his "baby doll."

Once during the testimony of Hall, when the witness said that Christy had openly avowed his suspicion of his wife and a chauffeur, Mrs. Christy leaned toward her husband and hissed: "You dirty pup."

CANT NOMINATE SUFFRAGETTE.

Mrs. Hicks, Who Admires Mrs. Despard, Collides With the Election Law.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Hicks, who is well known in connection with the women's suffrage movement, applied this morning to the Battersea election returning officer for a nomination paper.

Mrs. Hicks told the returning officer that there were a number of women who were fully qualified as candidates for Parliament except for sex disability. She wished to nominate Mrs. Despard, sister of Sir John French, a well-known suffragette who spent some time in jail for the cause.

The returning officer told Mrs. Hicks that he could not legally comply with her request, and if the nomination of Mrs. Despard were made he could not accept it.

FILIPINOS MUST PAY \$30,000.

Secretary Worcester Gets Big Verdict Against "El Renacimiento."

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, Jan. 14.—Dean D. Worcester, Insular Secretary of the Interior, received an award of \$30,000 damages in his libel action against "El Renacimiento," the leading organ of the Filipino Nationalist party. He sued for \$50,000.

About a year ago Mr. Worcester procured the arrest of the manager, managing editor and three members of the staff of "El Renacimiento" charging them with criminal libel, with the result that two of the defendants were sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined \$1,000.

SAYS MAN ATTACKED HER.

Mrs. Clerstick Tells Police a Story About Intruder With a False Beard.

Mrs. Fannie Clerstick, the wife of a letter carrier who lives at 441 East Fifty-second street, had a queer story of a holdup to tell the police of the East Fifty-first street station last night. According to Mrs. Clerstick, on Wednesday last she got home shortly before 5 o'clock to get her husband's supper.

Her flat is on the second floor. As she reached the landing she saw a man, who was about 5 feet 7 inches in height. He had no overcoat. Mrs. Clerstick said he grabbed her, but she got away from him and screamed. The man ran.

Mrs. Clerstick got a revolver and left it on the kitchen table.

Last night she entered the flat on her return to the station and took hold of her around the waist. She and the man who had grabbed her fought out into the hallway. The man struck her, she says, so she became unconscious.

On the way to her senses she went into the flat. She saw a man getting out onto the fire escape. She said he had two one dollar bills of hers in his hand, a cut glass bowl and a silver picture frame. He also carried a revolver. Mrs. Clerstick took her revolver from beneath some things on the kitchen table and the man dropped the things he had and went hurriedly down the fire escape.

Mrs. Clerstick also told the police that the beard worn by the man was false as it had come off in her struggle with him.

NOT FOR CONNERS.

Secretary Huppuch of the Democratic Committee Denies a Newspaper Report.

GLENS FALLS, Jan. 14.—Winfield A. Huppuch, secretary of the Democratic State committee, to-night issued a statement denying that he is in favor of the continuation in office of State Chairman Connors, as stated in an Albany despatch published in New York yesterday, and having made his choice for the position either John A. Dix or Thomson, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor last year, or J. Augustus Kellogg, a prominent Glens Falls attorney.

Win asked why he was opposed to the continuation in office of Mr. Connors. Mr. Huppuch replied:

"I have no fight with Mr. Connors personally. On the other hand I am friendly with him and there are many things about him that I like, but the life and success of the Democratic party are at stake, and it needs at its head a man who has not been identified with any faction of the party in the past and who can by his standing, influence and fairness attract to the party not only the independent voter but the young men of the State and bring together all factions of the party."

Robinson Gives Up His Labor Job.

Herbert Robinson, financial secretary of the Central Federated Union, tendered his resignation last night, explaining that his new duties as Commissioner of Licenses would not permit him to continue his work as secretary, which he had performed as well as he could for twenty years. Complimentary speeches were made at the union's meeting congratulating him on his new appointment, and a vote of thanks was given to him for his work.

FIRST MEN IN NEW PARLIAMENT

JOE CHAMBERLAIN AND TWO UNIONISTS CHOSEN UNOPPOSED.

London Papers Filled With Last Appeals to the British Voter—Many Real Tests On To-day—Leaders' Joint Plea for Protection—Lloyd-George Reply.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, the former Unionist leader, was returned to Parliament unopposed from the Birmingham, West, division to-day. Mr. Chamberlain, who has represented this district since 1885, but who has not occupied his seat in the House for a long time because of illness, is the first member to be declared elected to the new Parliament.

John Walter Hills (Unionist) and the Hon. Walter Guinness (Unionist) were also returned unopposed from Durham City and Bury St. Edmunds respectively.

To-morrow four other candidates will be returned unopposed, and seventy-six members will be elected in contested constituencies, twelve in London and sixty-four in the provinces.

John Burns, president of the Local Government Board, said in a speech at Islington to-day that if the crusade of the rich against the poor took in Great Britain the form it had taken in protectionist countries the goodly feeling now existing between the rich and poor, mainly owing to cheap food and free trade, would disappear and class antagonism, which they saw in protectionist America, where the next revolution would be, would arise.

Winston Churchill, President of the Board of Trade, amused an audience at Dundee by relating how Home Secretary Gladstone, with a view to ascertaining the truth of the suffragettes' assertion that feeding imprisoned suffragettes through a tube when they refused food was brutal, made a personal experiment. He caused an entire meal of egg and milk to be administered to himself through his nostrils and held so little inconvenient that he could talk throughout the whole time the operation lasted.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The term newspaper is almost a misnomer as applied to the London journals now. Political matter is swamping all other topics. This is more than ever so this morning. A modicum of space is given to the world's news, and the bulk of the remainder of space is devoted to final appeals to the electorate, reports of speeches, political statistics and, not least, to mutual abuse.

Extraordinary vagaries of type and spacing appear in papers which rarely break their columns except for displayed advertisements. The Unionist prints give the greatest prominence to a joint message for Messrs. Balfour and Chamberlain, asserting that tariff reform will not increase the cost of living to workers and affirming the benefits to be derived therefrom. The same journals make much of the fears expressed by a few German newspapers that the adoption of a tariff by Great Britain will seriously damage German interests. Prominence is also given to any American incidents or comments that will aid the tariff agitation.

The Government newspapers print no call from Premier Asquith corresponding with Mr. Balfour's, but one prints special messages from individual members of the Cabinet, including Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George, who hopes the electors will refuse to barter the freedom of British institutions or commerce for the mess of this pottage offered by the protectionists.

These papers also find German and American incidents to quote in support of their side. The customary expressions of confidence abound in both parties, but nobody is yet any nearer than heretofore to making a reliable prediction of the results of the elections.

U. S. MAIZE AND SIRUP FREE.

Germany Contemplates a Move to Compete With British Sugar Refineries.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

FRANKFURT, Jan. 14.—The Berlin correspondent of the Zeitung says the Government is contemplating admitting American maize and sirup for the sugar refining industry free of duty because the German refiners cannot compete abroad with the British refiners, owing to the present duty of 25 per cent.

WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT NIOBE.

Italian Parliament Fears She's Been Smuggled Away by an American.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ROME, Jan. 14.—Deputy Masera presented an interpellation in the Chamber of Deputies to-day concerning the exportation of an ancient statue of Niobe, owned by George Page, an American, director of the Banca Commerciale.

The statue, it appears, was ostensibly sent to Milan, but it is suspected that it was smuggled abroad.

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